GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR TRIBAL WELFARE SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing budget support for the tribals as per the ratio of their population for their development;

(b) if so, the details of budget provisions for the welfare of the tribals during the last three years and the actual expenditure incurred in this regard;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has not utilised the budget allocation provided for the development of the tribals;

(d) if so, the whether the Union Government is aware of it and proper guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements various Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes/ programmes for the socio-economic development of tribal people in the country. Funds under the schemes of the Ministry are allocated to the State/ UT Governments based on the ST population in the State/ UT as a percentage of the total ST population in the country.

(b) : The requisite details are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Provision	Actual Expenditure Budget Revised Estimates	Estimates
2004-05	1146.00	1069.45	1053.06
2005-06	1498.82	1398.82	1391.95
2006-07	1656.90	1652.68	1648.14

(c) to (e) : The funds released by the Ministry under the various schemes/ programmes are required to be utilised within 12 months from the date of sanction. The utilisation position submitted by the States shows that most of them, including Maharashtra, have utilised more than 75% of the amount released within the stipulated time limit. In order to ensure that the funds released by the Ministry are utilised properly and expeditiously, the Ministry has reiterated to the States/ UTs that release of further funds would be dependent on the utilisation of funds within the time limit prescribed.